

SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Seattle Department of Neighborhoods provides resources and opportunities for community members to build strong communities and improve their quality of life. With more than 180 neighborhoods in the city, we meet people where they are and play a key role in helping neighbors develop a stronger sense of place, build closer ties, and engage with their communities and city government.

Seattle Department of Neighborhoods - Strengthening Seattle by actively engaging all communities

Here are our programs and services:

NEIGHBORHOOD MATCHING FUND awards money to local groups for a broad array of neighborhood-initiated improvement, organizing, or planning projects. Residents receiving a Neighborhood Matching Fund award match it with their own contribution of cash, volunteerism, and/or donated goods and services. There are three levels of funding based on the type of project and amount requested - from small amounts to \$100,000.

P-PATCH COMMUNITY GARDENING PROGRAM supports and promotes community-based organic urban agriculture and other greening opportunities that are culturally and neighborhood appropriate. It is the largest municipally-managed community gardening program west of New York City, managing 76 gardens that serve more than 4700 residents. It also manages special programs that serve youth, low-income and underrepresented populations.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM handles the identification and protection of more than 450 historic structures, sites, objects and vessels, as well as eight historic districts throughout Seattle. The program provides information on the basics of historic preservation in Seattle, including the designation process, and on incentives for property owners to encourage preservation and renovation. It also supports the work of several citizen boards involved in historic preservation.

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM works closely with neighborhoods and city government to ensure the neighborhood growth plans developed by residents in the 1990's has progressed over their 20-year implementation period. It also works with specific neighborhoods undergoing significant change update their plans by using a creative outreach approach to underrepresented communities, including immigrant and refugee populations.

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NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT

COORDINATORS facilitate and link neighborhoods to city government. The Coordinators connect with dozens of community organizations on a wide range of neighborhood projects and issues and work to engage and support citizens in the city's 13 districts. They focus on encouraging community involvement, help with neighborhood improvement efforts, and make referrals to city services.

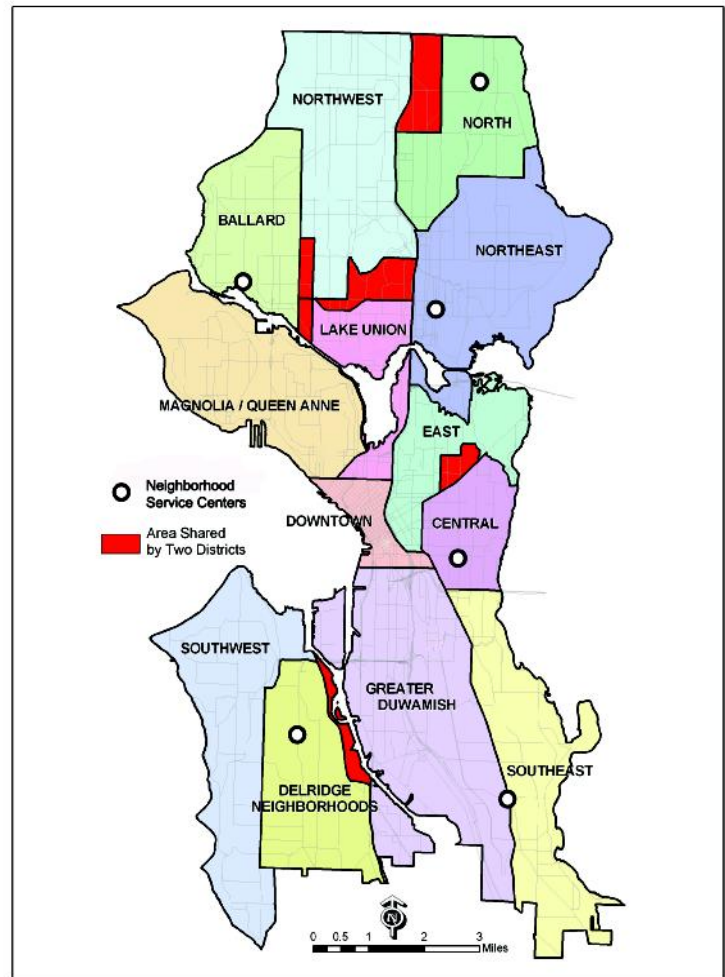
MAJOR INSTITUTIONS AND SCHOOLS

PROGRAM provides a way for the neighbors of Seattle's larger institutions (i.e. hospitals, schools, universities, colleges) to be directly involved in the development plans for these institutions so that neighborhood concerns are considered. The program organizes and staffs city-appointed citizen advisory committees for each project.

SOUTH PARK INFORMATION & REFERRAL CENTER (SPIARC)

is a community-driven multi-lingual resource center that connects community members to services and community networks and connects neighbors to neighbors. SPIARC is a trusted resource and advocate and tailors its services to respond to the language and cultural needs of the diverse South Park community.

13 Neighborhood Districts



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